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1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR DR. KING SUNG YONG BELIEVES MALAYSIA WILL SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA IN UNGA. HE TOLD ME THAT TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS WHO IS NOW ACTING AS DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD TOLD HIM GOM HAD NOT YET REACHED FIRM DECISION ON QUESTION BUT THAT HE SUPPORTED PERSONALLY THE SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPHS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND WOULD URGE THAT HIS GOVT VOTED AFFIRMATIVELY.

2. DR. KIM SAID THAT IN ADDITION MALAYSIAN PERMANENT UN REPRESENTATIVE TAN SRI SARDON, DESCRIBED BY THE AMBASSADOR AS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, HAD ASSURED HIM PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK THAT HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE ROK POSITION AND WOULD URGE AN AFFIRMATIVE GOM VOTE IN THE UNGA SESSION. SARDON HAD AT THAT TIME ALSO EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE WORRY ABOUT HIS SON'S
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BUSINESS VENTURES. KIM SAID HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO PUT

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HIS FRIEND'S MIND AT REST BY ARRANGING A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN SARDON'S SON'S FIRM AND MAEYUNDAE, A KOREAN CONSTRUCTION FIRM WITH SUBSTANTIAL CONTRACTS IN MALAYSIA. KIM HAD ALSO ARRANGED FOR SARDON'S SON TO HAVE FIRST OPTION TO BID ON AN ALLOCATION OF KOREAN CEMENT AND HAD BEEN ABLE TO PURSUADE SEOUL TO LOWER THE PRICE FROM $55 TO $52 A TON. KIM SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT SARDON WOULD PUSH STRONGLY FOR A POSITIVE VOTE.

3. COMMENT: CONSIDERING GOM RECOGNITION OF BOTH KOREAN REGIMES AND ITS CURRENT POLICY OF EQUIDISTANCE, ABSTENTATION WOULD SEEM LIKELY. HOWEVER, THIS BIT OF MUSCULAR ROK POLICY ANALYSIS AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION MAY PROVE EFFECTIVE. AT LEAST IT SUGGESTS GOM POSITION NOT YET SET IN CONCRETE.
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